

MAJOR HILLS, M.P., SAFE.

HIS NEPHEW KILLED IN ACTION.

During the week-end it was reported that Major J. W. Hills, the member for Durham, who is serving with the Durham Light Infantry, had been killed in action, and the news was received with the deepest regret in Durham, where the Cathedral bell was tolled. Later, however, Colonel G. H. Hills, brother of Major Hills, travelled up to London to obtain fuller details, and found that it was not his brother, but one of his sons who had been killed. It appears that the mistake arose through a telephonic message.

SEP 1916

11 Sep 2

Askeham

Monday

Dearest,

I forgot to say, will ~~we~~ you be
careful not to tell any one about
the farm being to let, if you
don't take it? So many
of our friends have been
asking about houses here,
we're not at all anxious to
have neighbours (unless you)

Did you see this in the Times?

Y B.

1916

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Ashham,

~~At~~ Tuesday,

Dearest,

I have been talking to Nelly about your taking the farm, & she says it is said to be very unhealthy. The Mockford children are always being ill there, & the little boy has just been having tonsillitis very badly. The doctor said that the house was much too low. Also the Woolers who used to be there say that their children were never well there.

Mr. Mockford doesn't know that you may take it, so I don't think this was said to put you off. I thought I'd better tell you, though one never knows how much faith to put in these people. If you could get work on Stacey's farm, I expect the Charleston house would be a much better one - Yr B.

Sep. 16.
1916

Hogarth House,
Paradise Road,
Richmond.

Saturday evening.

Dearest,

We have seen a very nice house, which we are much tempted by; & now it strikes us that we must let Askeham for the winter. Would it be any good to you? We thought of asking £2.2 a week. We want to let it until 15th December anyhow — possibly till the spring, but that we can't settle now. If Madame Vandervelde takes it, she will be there possibly till Oct 1st — certainly not longer, so you could go there on the 1st — or if you only wanted it for 2 or 3 weeks while getting into another house, we would let it. It's a miserable state of things that I shouldn't see my dear old Dolphin, — I did want to extremely, but perhaps we can

to meet before long. We shall be in Cornwall
till Oct 1st -

It seems to me a great thing that Gunn
will take D. & B. on to work for him - &
I should think you could certainly get some sort of
house in the neighbourhood - Do stay on
as long as you want to (if Mr. Vand-
doesn't come - & I don't think she will)
Mr. Affield ^{NYPL} seems very willing - I hope
you'll be decently comfortable

Y^r B.

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Gwen Marten

Carbis Bay

Cornwall

Sunday.

Dearest,

It is very exciting to think that you may get Charleston. I hope you will. Leonard says that there are certainly 8 bedrooms, probably more, & very good ones. Two big sitting rooms on the ground floor & one small one; & very good large rooms on the first floor. He says the garden could be made lovely — there are fruit trees, & vegetables, & a most charming walk under trees. The only drawbacks seemed to be that there is cold water, & no hot, in the bathroom; nor a very nice w.c., & a cess pool in the garden. But he thought it almost as pennis Court.

like as Asheham. Whatever you may say, I
think the country there is superb to live in —
I always want to come back again, & one never
feels it dull — but then, not being an artist
my feelings are not to be considered ha! ha! —
As to the beds, &c — You did once send me a list,
which may be in existence. Perhaps Jennie
might know. Anyhow you shall have your dues —
The green china certainly shall go, as we
have enough — But could we arrange to send it
by some carrier already bringing things? —
They charge so tremendously for carting now.
I do envy you, taking a new house — Nothing in
the world is so exciting. & I shall remind you of my
services in getting it from time to time; & you
will then always have to give me complete
rights for 5 minutes by the clock.

The romance of Cornwall has once
more overcome me. I find that one lapses into
a particular mood of absolute enjoyment —
which takes me back to my childhood. I
hope Quintin's cut is better — I think one was
rather proud of being cut — my legs are all

over scars, but not so good as his. We are a very
funny party - Miss Harris has turned up, Margaret
recutany, an old creature of 50, & extremely sensible -
unselfish, & independent, who smokes a pipe, &
lives alone in lodgings, & reminds us both so much
of Saxon in her sayings & habits that we
frequently disgrace ourselves. When Margaret gets
excited she calls her "John", & Miss Harris calls
Margaret "Tim" - They go out sketching all
day, & produce their sketches, & want to be praised -
They think it is a very bad thing to use Chinese
white in water colours, & that real artists leave
bits of white paper, so I said I would ask you.
I have had several arguments about art -
morality with Margaret, & I hope I have done
some damage, but a life worked in good works is
hard to injure - especially as she always
assumes that I think what Oscar Wilde thought
in the 80^{ties}.

I wish you were here - as only the Cornish bred
could see its stupendous merits - nor but what Leonard
is very appreciative, & Margaret gets her aesthetic
emotions roused in great outbursts, when the
clouds have reflections in the sea.
Please write soon & say what happens - I'm

now, if you get Charleston, you'll ~~have~~ end by
buying it for ever. If you lived
there, you could make it absolutely divine

yr B

We are here till Oct 1st - then Richmond.

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HAMILTON 6/1/66

TELEPHONE 496 RICHMOND.

Hogarth House,
Richmond.

1916

9 Oct 16

Monday

Dearest,

I saw Lytton yesterday, who told me he had heard that you & Duncan & possibly others had all got influenza at Wimet. I should be very grateful if anyone who hasn't got it would send a line to say how you are. I hear Chris had it, & Adrian too, & he went for a holiday & was in bed with all the time; & Otto's got it.

Both the boys have got nits. Gwen Raverat is going to have a baby. So is Frances Comford.

I saw K., who seems rather feeble still - I do hope you are all right - Please don't

Start a move with the germs still in
you. Have you got Charleston?

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